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Small Force of Invaders in

Peril as French Close In

on Position at Fort.

KAISER'S MEN OCCUPY

VILLAGE NEAR MEUSE

Champneuville, Northwest

of Fortress, Evacuated

by Garrison.

SNOW AND BIG LOSSES

Concentrated on Front

of About a Mile.

LONDON, Feb. 27 .- The German drive

heights and the plateau north of the

The position of Fort Douaumont-

the French official communiqués do

tion on three sides and announce that the German force is maintaining itself

The very unfavorable weather con-

from the front indicate that heavy

losses also may have had an effect.

of Douaumont, which has been the

to the official communiqué issued in

failed to gain ground.

Paris to-night

CHECK GERMAN RUSH

Bernstorff's Instructions May Reopen Entire Submarine Issue.

URGES THAT CITIZENS

PROOFS SUBMITTED OF

Hint Teutons Might Relent if Allies Stop Attacks by Merchant Ships.

CAMPAIGN WILL GO ON. SAYS OFFICIAL ORGAN

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 27. The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zei tung, the official Government organ.

"The energetic prosecution of ou submarine campaign will be begun on the date appointed, March 1. If President Wilson maintains that hese measures are opposed to the explicit assurances of Germany and Austria, such contention rests misunderstanding. these assurances referred only to

State Lansing within the next He will arrange for an appointment as soon as he has received

whole question of the the dinner. mpaign pending this discussion.

campaign will begin as scheduled sented to its publication. merchantmen will not be used ofensively against submarines. All per-

thing.

"Your talk, Mr. Toastmaster, has been a great deal about candidacy for the Ambassador eleven days ago by Secretary Lansing. On that occasion Mr. Lansing received from the Ambassador two documents, one a memorandum from Berlin appears, one a memorandum from Berlin appears, and a many whole a greater intensity than formerly, that Mr. Lansing received from the Ambassaor two documents, one a memorandum
from Berlin agreeing to a settlement of
the Lustania controversy "substantially"
on the terms laid down by the United
States. The other was the copy of a circular warning sent out by Germany to
all neutral Governments advising them
that after February 29 German submarines would be discayed to the substantial substantial or the substantial of the subst es would be directed to torpedo all armed enemy merchantmen

warning.
Mr. Lansing observed to the Ambassador that this circular notice appearing to be inconsistent with past assurances memo received at the German rock. as nullifying these assurances.

directed to say, Germany's position consistently has been that merchant vessels have no right to arm, mere restrictions as to the extent of armament affording to guarantee that ships armed for defensive purposes only will not be used that men on the trains and by the men on the trains and by the men on the trains and by the

ega Office of October 15, 1914, to the

recently discovered sources.

"Senator Harding was saying just narracter of armament on mersels does not insure its use or defence. Ambassador von is directed to lay before Sec. includes alleged circumstances includes alleged circumstances (wenty five cases investigated man authorities showing where rechantmen have used their series of the solutions of the United States is recently discovered sources.

The Norwegian steamship Loch Tay, chartered to the Holland-America line, daylt was true. He said that if the new plans were such as Sendator Lawson is storny, trip of forty-eight days, including a stop at St. John's, N. F., where she put in for coal.

So was in ballast and thus presented a lot of freeboard for the westerly gales to work on. East of Newfoundland, while short of coal, she was driven into an ice field and held fast ten days. Her

U BOAT WAR TO PRINCIPLE IS MY GUIDE- DROP HERVEY GO ON, GERMAN NOT EXPEDIENCY-WILSON

REPLY INSISTS "America Ought to Keep Out of This War at Sacrifice of Everything Except Her Sense of Humanity and Justice."

> . Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wil- 1 to stake everything for an idea, and son told members of the Gridiron Club and its guests at the annual dinner of the organization last night that violation the organization last night that violation the signs of the heavens and the direcof the essential traditions of America tions of the wind, but to square would be the only justification for the United States entering the Europea... war.
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> "Justice has nothing to do with

everything except this single thing upon which her character and history are traditions which have made us proud founded, her sense of humanity and justo be Americans, and when we go about

THE SECRET ORDERS

"If she sacrifices that she has ceased to entertain and to love the traditions which have made us proud to be Americans, and when we go about seeking safety at the expense of humanity then I for one will believe that I have been mistaken when the spirit of subjects of such that the expense of humanity then I for one will believe that I have been mistaken when the spirit of subjects of such that the expense of humanity then I for one will be always been mistaken in what I have conceived to be the spirit of subjects of such that I have been mistaken will be advised to entertain and to love the traditions which have made us proud to be American history.

Signposts for Guidance. "You never can tell your direction ex- advisable to the spirit of subjects of subje

garded as an answer to criticisms by Senators and Representatives that his present negotiations with Germany senators and Representations with Germany present negotiations with Germany conduct by ideals of duly. There is no one else upon the roster; there is no one else upon the roster; there is no one else whose name we care to remember of the duly. There is no one else upon the roster; there is no one else whose name we care to remember of the organization of the organ obliged to arise and bow his acknowledgments.

There was one feature of the Presi- an impulse to settle a thing some short dent's speech that was obviously intended as an explanation of the expression "too proud to fight," which was embodied in an address made by Mr. Wilson in Philadelphia a few days after the sinking of the Lusitania. This explanation of "too proud to fight" came.

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"Valor is self-respecting," said the
President. "Valor is circumspect, Valor
strikes only when it is right to
strike. Valor withholds itself from all
small complications and entanglements
and waits for the great opportunity
when the sword will flash as if it carried the light of heaven upon its blade."

This is the first time in the history
of the Gridiron Club, which has been
of the Gridiron Club, which has been
giving dinners for more than thirty

I lines of the future are because we shall
know we are steering by the lines of
the past. We shall know that no temporary conveniences, no temporary expediency, will lead us either to be rash
and use if the cartification
which have caused an influx of visitors
to Palm Beach, left New York last night
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The club's damers are conducted under carried the light of heaven upon its the present tegislat that is, until the ent." The President's speech in this instance was made public as a result of requests made by many who attended to be requested to be expected to be

The copy of the speech given out at ne White House was prefaced with the

statement at the White House that both the Presi dent and the Gridiron Club have con-

Mr. Wilson's Speech.

"I have very little to say to-night ether American or of other na-who trayel on armed ships be-of the invariable courtesy of this club binging to any of the countries now at with Germany will do so at their perd.

Answer to a Query.

Of the invariance courtesy of this character and of the reception you have so generously accorded me. I find that I am seldom tempted to say anything nowadays unless somebody starts something, and to-night nobody has started any-

while so many people are talking and particularly while so many people are talking in a way that obscures counsel talking in a way that obscures counsel and is entirely off the point.

Principle, Not Expediency.

given by Germany that "liners would not be attacked without warning and without incasures being taken for the safety of non-combatants on board, provided these lines of the United States was not lines did not extend the safety of principle. The United States was not lines and the safety of not extend the safety of not e being taken for the safety of pombatants on board, provided these sidd not attempt to resist or escape ure." he desired to inquire of Gervichether she was prepared to stand for past assurances. He added that ling a settlement of this point he id hold the Lusitania matter open.

directs Ambassador von Bernstorff lightening thing a man can do is sug-form the American Government that gested by something which the Vice-any is prepared to stand by her President said to-night. He complained urances and does not regard her that he found men who, when their atampaign against armed enemy tention was called to the signs of spring. did not see the blue heaven, did not see The attention of the American Government is called to Germany's understanding that the Lusitania controversy the no way dealt with armed liners; that the first American note on the Lusitania case, dated May 13, 1915, specifically restanding to the ship as being "magnetal". away from and disconnected from this scene in which we attempt to think and conclude you will inevitably be led

antee that ships armed for de-nurposes only will not be used what the men on the trains and by the wayside and in the shops and by the wayside and in the shops and on the farms are thinking about and yearning for than hear any of the vociferous procfor than hear any of the vociferous proc-lamations of policy which it is so easy to hear and so easy to read by picking up any scrap of printed paper. There is only one way to hear these things, and that is constantly to go back to the of merchantmen of a belligerent clearing from any of its ports

MINE SINKS AND WHITNEY, P. & O. LINER; WHITMANTOLD 147 ARE LOST

Withdrawal of Service Board Choices.

The President spoke in the protection the club's confidence, which has

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and when we go about seeking safety at the expense of humanity then I for one will believe that I have been mistaken in what I have conceived to be the spirit of American history.

Signposts for Guidance.

"You never can tell your direction exitens in the Senate are considering the cept by long measurements. You cannot establish a line by two posts; you have got to have three at least to know whether they are straight with anything, and the longer your line the more certain your measurement. There is only one way in which to determine how the future of the United States is going to be projected and that is by looking back and seeing which way the lines ran which led up to the present moment of power and of opportunity.

President Wilson's speech was regarded as an answer to criticisms by Senators and Representatives that his present negotiations with Germany might plurge the country into war.

the names of men who have squared their noming conduct by ideals of duty. There is no defer defer its presentation until the Demo-cratic members of the committee can be of impatience comes upon us, whenever rejected

of the Gridiron Club, which has been serving dinners for more than thirty years, that a speech delivered under its auspices has been given to the public. The club's dinners are conducted under a rule that "reporters are lover than the public."

Public Service Commission since is Public Service Commission since is

Germany Buys U. S. COPPER.

Gov. Whitman has built two fires by in high speed tests to-day. She made one track requirements at the rate requirements.

For the high runs at top speed the state of 21.75 knots an hour. This was three-quarters of a knot in excess of her contribution of the great warship averaged 21.38 knots an hour speed the great wars

Basis of His Attack.

In general Senator Thompson will buse been closed by Lake Superior copper producers for the sale of 5.000.000 pounds of copper to German interests in preparation for the anticipated business revival abroad when the war ends.

The copper is to be sent to New York and then held to wait for the future shipping order of Germany. This is the information which is given out in reliable quarters in the mining region. The identity of the companies making the deal is not given out, as it might mean reprisals by England in the refusal of the allied Powers to make further contracts except when they are forced to place orders.

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approving plans for third tracking Ful-ton street, Brooklyn, was a serious mat-ter and that Le Roy T. Harkness, coun-Woman's Made in 1. S.

League Makes the Appeal.

Washington, Feb. 27.—An appeal was sent out to-night by the Woman's was sent out to-night by the Woman's National Made in U. S. A. League to the comission any plans for laws makers and textile manufacturers.

The campaign started to-night is part of a general movement, fathered largely of the ship was been deviced in any brief period in the world's forty dead from the Maloja have been landed here."

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The peninsular a

"WEAR SIMPLE COLORS."

blacks predominate in the dyes manu-

who are struggling to supply us

Passage Across Atlantic.

new industry in this country."

The campaign started to-night is part of a general movement, fathered largely by Secretary Redfield, to popularize "simple colors," because of the fact that the German dyestuffs are no longer available and the American dye industry is unable to supply more than one-half is unable to supply more than one-half the demand for dyestuffs. Furthermore,

Before the Senate To-night.

factured in this country and fancy colors the Senator Thompson will appear before the Senate to-night to ask for extension mer.

A statement issued by the executive committee of the Made in U. S. A. League says:

"Certainly every patriotic American woman will aid her fellow countryment who are struggling to supply us will be supply us with the supply us will be senate to-night to ask for extension of the life of the committee. He says he doesn't expect any opposition. He said the big thing for the committee to do is to trace the "commitments and obligations" disclosed through the proposed Stevens contract and that time is needed. Mr. Whitney said yesterday that his

American dyes and thus build up a great affidavit in connection with third trackdepartment as shop plans, which are sent in often, and that he knew nothing of them. The only plans before the com-mission were the old plans which had tress calls.

wenty five cases investigated man authorities showing where are 3,000,000 thinking the man authorities showing where are 3,000,000 thinking the same things that that original 3,000,000 thinking the skipper ripped off much of the wood-thought the 100,000,000 will be saved for an illustrious future. They were ready steam to reach St. John's,

Leaders Bring Pressure for Maloja, Persia's Sister Ship, Destroyed Off Dover-No Americans on Her.

VESSEL COMING TO

of about 200 abourd. Almost all of the

James Sim McLeod, Mrs. McLeod was Miss Camilla Nicholas, daughter of Major J. Nicholas, Gen. McLeod was also aboard the Maloja.

While helping in the rescue work the British steamship Empress of Fort Will-lam of 1.383 tons gross struck a mine

A third victim of a mine to-day was the Mecklenburg's sinking the service

atinually swept by Admiralty trawlers.

insular and Oriental Line's fleet. The cargo she was carrying was very val-

ficial statement that the discipline reached Paris say that the carnage were left behind, among the passengers was admirable, among the Germans was simply terrible, and artillery wit emphasize that the lascars were ool as the Europeans. The officers stayed on the vessel to the last. The captain finally dropped into the water from the bridge, to which he was cling-

William says he saw that eight boats on

vessels. A feature of the preliminary reports is the assertion that there was no chant and private banker convicted of a Charles R. Van Hise of the University

came from Dover to-night in the form of a despatch saying that "more than maining indictments charging felonies, forty dead from the Maloja have been landed here."

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number were rescued from the water and by the ship's boats, by patrol boats and other craft. The survivors are being landed at and on a hospital ship. Almost all of

and on a hospital ship. Almost an of the passengers were saved.

All of the ship's boats had been swung out ready for emergency. The passengers fortunately had time to put on life belts. They had been instructed on the previous evening in their use. The captain reports that all the passengers and the crew behaved. the passengers and the crew behaved Despatches from Dover late to-night

SHIP FAST IN THE ICE 10 DAYS. January 10 were sent to the engineering The explosion was heard and seen at The explosion was heard and seed within three or four weeks if the impor-Dover, and tugs and motor boats raced within three or four weeks if the impor-tation of food into Belgium were promptly to her aid. Patrol boats also responded speedily to the Maloja's distress calls. Crowds ashore watched the rescue work. The Maloja quickly began to settle. The rea was soon running over to settle. The rea was soon running over in Helgium, because there are virtually no native supplies. upon she rolled over until the starboard, where tupon she rolled over until the starboard is de was submerged and the decks were perpendicular. Soon after this the Majoria turned turtle amid a cloud of steam.

Meanwhile several dozen craft of all Mr. Wolcott in his report says he is in the fall."

Mr. Wolcott in his report says he is raisins, silks, silk clothing, clothing with large trimmings, fans, hats, caps, pictures.

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VERDUN BATTLE SLACKENS; RING OF STEEL CLOSING ON GERMANS AT DOUAUMONT

BERLIN AND PARIS REPORTS ON DOUAUMONT FIGHTING

R EGARDING the situation on the heights of Douaumont, north of Verdun, on which the French and German official statements do not

On the heights of the Meuse the French attempted by means of attacks, five times repeated with fresh troops, to reconquer the armored fortress of Douaumont. They were repulsed with sanguinary losses The French night communiqué says that the intensity of the fighting in this region has slackened somewhat, and adds

To the east and the west of the position of Douaumont, the slopes of which are covered with dead Germans, our troops are pressing closely from three sides the small enemy forces which were able to gain a foothold there and which are maintaining themselves there wit

Berlin asserts that the Cote de Talou, west of Douaumont, is occupied by German forces. Paris announces that the position is not held by either Earlier official reports from Paris said that strong German attacks in thi region were broken down by artillery and machine gun fire

Supreme Effort to Break In VERDUN HAIL OF SHELL MOST TERRIFIC OF WAR

French Batteries Enfilade and Cut Down Long Lines of Advancing Germans-"Fort" at Douaumont Dismantled a Year Ago and Had No Garrison.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Paris corre-spondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing artillery, so battery after battery of light artillery and heavy guns has been

made no progress at Verdun. They have been brought to a standstill by the loop of the Meuse, to Bezonvaux, on the edge of the Woevre plain. The forts of Vacherauville and Douaumont and the French batteries on the surrounding

ther progress toward the south. "The ridge of the Meuse heights along which the Germans are endeavoring to advance is seamed with ravines, which out beyond th at this time of the year are

"In many places dead Germans formed on

"Since yesterday the Germans have the heights of the Meuse

bre has greatly exceeded the estimates. The French have plentiful supplies, how-ever, and if the battle ends for lack of

'Very little in the way of details leaks out beyond the official statements. Offi-cers say that the night retirement from the advanced positions at Brabant and trenches and batteries are placed to en-fliade these. Wounded soldiers who have only the men in a few advanced posts from the front indicate that heavy The slopes east and west of the village

sin Sees World's Greatest

Economic Upheaval.

"Certain it is that social transforma-

"This condition must have its effect

Import of Lobster and Champagne

German Government has put a ban on importations of all commodities regarded

Is Also Barred. Bertin, via London, Feb. 27 - The

WILL REARREST SIEGEL RICH RICHER, THE POOR ON RELEASE FROM JAIL POORER AFTER WAR

Depositors Urge Swann to President Van Hise of Wiscon-Prosecute Failed Banker Again on Felony Charge.

misdemeanor in connection with the of Wisconsin, in a signed article in a failure of his bank, is released from the penitentiary in Livingston county next Wednesday District Attorney Wheeler that the end of the war abroad will

who was jointly indicted with him, died before his trial was called. BELGIANS FACE STARVATION. Stoppage of Food Imports Would

Be Fatal, Saya Wolcott. LONDON, Feb. 27.-The conclusions of Frederick J. Wolcott, who spent three rest upon them because of the great aumont tion the work of the relief commission, of which Herbert C. Hoover is the head, this will be no man can say." of which Herbert C. Hoover is the head.

are as follows:
"There would be wholesale starvation within three or four weeks if the impor- NO CAVIAR FOR THE GERMANS.

sor's were around the sinking vessel, greatly impressed by the efficiency of the lace trimmings, fans, hats, caps, pictures, engaged in rescue work. Some bustrelief work, and he recommends that sculptures, fewelry, gold, silver, toys of money intended for Belgium or France be entrusted to the commission.

Retire in Perfect Order.

announced the covered with German dead, according

Five separate attacks have been take Fort Douaumont, the German

Between Solssons and Rheims a destructive fire was directed against the opposing works in front of Veni-zel and to the east of Troyon. In the region north of Verdun, after the violence of the actions which marked the preceding days, there has

been a certain lessening in the efforts of the enemy in the course of the day, except between the height of Douau-mont and the plateau to the north of the village of Vaux, where a strong attack made on our positions was repulsed. To the east and the west of the position of Douaumont, the slopes of which are covered with dead Ger-mans, our troops are pursuing closely from three sides the small enemy forces which were able to gain a foot-According to the latest reports the Cote de Talou, rendered untenable both for us and for the enemy by the bombardment of the artillery of both sides, is not occupied by forces of

In the Woevre the enemy came into contact with our advanced posts in the direction of Blanzee and Moran-In the Vosges there was an artillers duel at Hartmannsweilerkopf. We brought under our fire and dispersed

an enemy detachment in the region of

Germans Take Champnenville.

In the official statement received to substantial payment to the depositors f the bank. This he did not do.

Frank E. Vogel, a partner of Siegel, see little hope of a near peace, tions during and after the war will be at a speed never before approached. The people of the nations involved have problems to solve, both social and economic, so far beyond those which confront other nations that we cannot predict whether or not they will be able in this generation or this century to free themselves from the awful calamities which got auron, them because of the great of the wooded district northeast of Bras

The German Report.

The official statement issued by the German War Office to-day say On various portions of the western To the south of Ypres a British at-

tack was repulsed.
On the heights of the Meuse the French attempted by means of attacks, five times repeated with fresh troops, to reconquer the armored fortress of Douaumont. They were repulsed with sanguinary losses. neuville and the Cote de Talou, advancing to Nave. To the east of the fort we stormed the extended fortified yorks of Hardaumont.
On the Woevre plain there was vig

orous fighting from the German fron as far as the Cotes Lorraines.